



CRUSADER NEWS AND VIEWS

The Mission Statement of Holy Cross Catholic School is to educate tomorrow's Christian Leaders by fostering Academic Excellence in a Christian Community.

March 19, 2009

Prayer to St. Joseph

As we celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph, may we be open to the call of God, our Father. May we be willing to undertake the parts of life that are not easy with responsibility and perseverance, and be a guide to those who need one.

Protecting God's Children Workshops

Visit www.virtus.org and select "Registration." You will be directed to a prompt to search for locations. You will need this to do ANY classroom volunteering! Contact Mrs. Smith or the "virtus" website for more information.

Remember, you need this workshop completed in order to volunteer for field day or camp or chaperone field trips.

got scrip?

SCRIP office hours:

Mondays and Fridays, 7-9am;
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and
Thursdays 1-3pm; and
5-7pm Mondays & Tuesdays during
RE classes

"Peddler" hours: almost 24/7/365!

Peddlers:

Kelly Glowski (Algonac)
Sue Sharpe (Marine City)
Kelly Zichi (East China)

Financial Aid for Next Year

Application deadlines will be upon us before you know it: don't miss out! If you don't already have a copy, call the school office to have a "PSAS" application (for the Archdiocesan grant) sent home with your child, or stop in to pick one up. You may also download the form from the Archdiocese's website: go to www.aodonline.org; "Catholic Schools" from the left, then "Tuition Assistance" under "Parents and Students," "Archdiocesan Endowment Tuition Assistance Programs," then select the form and instruction letter.

Application forms are also available for the "Father Bartone / Blue Water Vicariate" scholarship. Call if you need one.

Uniforms!

We need YOUR help! More and more, our students are forgetting our dress code, and we as educators often overlook it, as we try to focus more on the educational aspects of our school. A dress code flyer was attached to the newsletter that went home with your student. Please review it with your child—it has been reviewed in class. We will be monitoring the dress code much more closely and those students who are following it will be able to take part in our bi-monthly dress down days. Thank you for your support.

Registration!

We are currently working on finalizing tuition figures for next year: we're waiting to hear from as many families as possible so our numbers are right...registration info WILL be out soon! Do you know anyone who is thinking about a Holy Cross education for their children? Encourage them to call Mrs. Lund for a personal appointment. *Remember, YOU are one of the best marketing tools our school has!*

Lunchtime Follies

"Microwave a meal in 45 seconds!"—times 123 students = A LOT of our lunchroom supervision time spent on food preparation. Lunchtime would go much smoother for all if there were not so many warm-ups needed: please try to provide your student with ready-to-eat lunches a couple of days each week.

Also--don't forget a spoon for his applesauce or pudding when you pack your student's lunch! (The utensils in the cafeteria are Chartwell's.)

Read to Your Student's Class!

Would you like to? Please contact your child's teacher for info or to make arrangements.

Thank You!!

...to Gretchen Rogus and Jennifer Laster for all their work putting on the elegant and very fun Auction.

Auction

Our 20th Irish Dinner/Auction has come and gone. We would not have been able to do everything without the help of many people. First, thanks to everyone who donated to the auction. Thanks, too, to the eighth graders for helping to load everything in the cars, and to all who assisted us in our set up on Friday. A big thank you goes out to the Marine City Knights of Columbus for the use of their banquet hall, for providing bartenders, and for all their help throughout the event. Special thanks to Mrs. Lund, Father Jim, Father Matt and all the faculty at school and the rectory for their help and support in preparing for the event and at the auction. Patty Smith: thanks for your assistance with the dessert raffle. For everyone who volunteered to make a dessert for our raffle, you really made it a success. Thank you to Judy Krutsch, Sandy Fearn and Pam Cortese who helped sell raffle tickets. Mike Govier: you did a wonderful job keeping the night entertaining, full of laughs and the auction running smoothly with all you did, especially auctioneering. After a wonderful evening we appreciate all who assisted us in the clean up. To Dan & Kari Steinmetz who did all the computer work on the program, during the evening and at check out, we greatly appreciate everything you did to help to make the auction run smoothly and successfully. For everyone who attended the auction, thank you so much for your support in making the auction the fun-filled success it is: because of people like you we can all work together to help make things better for our children.

Please mark your calendar for this event next year on March 13, 2010. We can't wait to see you there.

--Gretchen & Jennifer

Please Keep In Your Prayers..

...Jeff Laster as he convalesces after his accident.

A Reminder...

All 2008-09 school tuition is due March 31.

Mom-to-Mom Sale

Table rental forms for the sale (which will be Saturday, March 21) are still available in the school office. The rental fee of \$20 includes lunch for the renter.

You don't have to rent a table to support the sale, of course; just open the "yard sale" season that day, and come and shop!

Little Ones Entering Preschool or Kindergarten in September:

St. Clair County Health Department is offering a "Back to School Immunization Week" from March 23-27. Avoid the summer rush, and get your immunizations early! As an incentive to come early, each vaccinated child will be eligible to win a one night family stay at the Hampton Inn of Port Huron (room with pool and exercise room access). Call 810.987.8216 to make your appointment.

Thank You!

...to our Accelerated Reader volunteers: Mrs. Sharpe, Mrs. Tomlanovich, Mrs. Templeton, Mrs. Carnaghi and Mrs. Isrow, for providing our students with Accelerated Reader. (Special thanks to these five ladies for answering the call to service yesterday with our nacho lunch—thank you!)

From the Library/Accelerated Reader:

Thank you to the Rickel family for the donation of Twilight, New Moon, The Tales of Beedle the Bard, and Inkdeath to the library.

Thank you to everyone who purchased books from the Scholastic Book Fair. The library has received \$170 in new books so far. We can't wait until the final figures are in to see what else we may be able to get!

Thank you to the SCRIP program for a donation of \$500. We were able to purchase over 100 new Accelerated Reader tests and 30 new books. Without your support of this program, we would not have been able to do this!

As you start your spring cleaning (yes, you have to!) don't forget that any gently used books your child(ren) have outgrown can always find a new home on our shelves.

Please have all library books checked in by April 3 so none get misplaced over Easter break.

Finally, several of our Harry Potter books are MIA from the library. Please check with your children to see if they may have taken them home without checking them out by mistake.

VOLLEYBALL

It can be hard being new to a sport when you're competing against more experienced players. We're proud of you, girls, for taking on the challenge!!

Although we lost to MCA on Monday, our girls played great. High scorer was **Brianna** who consistently served for 15 points.

Tonight we host St. Mary St. Clair (at 7 pm); no game Saturday. (Our last match of the season will be Monday March 30, hosting IC, before tournaments begin on April 3.) Holy Cross fans: come out to cheer us on!

Preschool Vision Screening

The St. Clair County Health Department is coming tomorrow to do school-entry vision screenings for any of our preschoolers whose parents so wish. Parents: your portion (top half) of the form must be completed and returned for the technicians to do the testing.

We Still Need Pictures

We are in need of your pictures from our various sporting events, performances, and every day school life for our yearbook and website. We can accept digital files or we can scan your originals and return them to you. Please help us share the joy of Holy Cross with others!

It's Delicious!

The 3rd and 4th graders are selling popcorn every Friday to help pay for their trip to Lansing in March: 25¢ a each bag.

Booster Club Wants YOU!

The Booster Club is now accepting nominations for officers for the 2009-2010 school year. If you're interested in learning more about what each job entails, please contact Mrs. Rickel c/o school.

Wanted: Gently Used Books

Students: please clean off your bookshelves and donated books to "Safe Horizons" shelter. These books are for children who need our love and support. We are collecting until Easter break. Thank you!

Lunch

Just a reminder that Chartwell's will be serving lunch tomorrow; the featured entrée will be quesadillas (which was originally on the menu for Wednesday, the 18th).

Time for a haircut

It is time to shed some "winter fur." With warm weather on the horizon, it is time to get haircuts. According to the dress code: "Hair should be neat, trimmed, styled, and kept out of the eyes. Boy's hair must be off the collar." Please check out our SCRIP offerings for hair stylists, or ask if your stylist would be interested in joining our SCRIP program.

FISH FRY

We are sponsoring fish fries all the Fridays of March. Please join us at St. Catherine's in Algonac from 4-8 pm tomorrow!

Scheduled to work this week: Setup (right after school Thursday): Paula Carnaghi, Monika Rittner & friend, and Vicki Fisher; and working on Friday (March 20) are:

12-4 pm shift	2-6pm shift
Fidler (12-2)	Decker
Guyette (2-4)	Oliphant (4-6)
Powroyek (2-4)	Salvador
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	Nizza
	Steele (4-6)
	Simon (4-6)

4-8 pm shift	Cleanup 8pm-end
Steinmetz	MacKenzie
Rittner	MacKenzie
Fisher	Keais
Ankowiak (6-8)	
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Tripi	
Tripi	
Fisher	
Battan	
Keais	

Spring is in the Air!

Hopefully, spring is around the corner. However, it is still chilly in the morning. Please remind your child to come to school prepared.

"Fifth Sunday at Five" at Holy Cross

"2 Protestants and a Catholic," a unique cornucopia of musical talent with random humor, consisting of Elizabeth Anderson, vocals, Katrina Dunker, clarinet, and Grace Haskin, violin, is the featured guest ensemble as part of the FIFTH SUNDAY AT FIVE Vespers and Concert Series at Holy Cross Church, 610 S. Water St., Marine City, Michigan, Sunday, March 30, 5 pm. The concert follows Vespers, a short service of Psalms and prayers. Free and open to the public. Call the church office at 810.765.3568 for more info.

March Market Day Flyers--attached.